

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A candy having a starch matrix comprising:

a) a first starch, ~~VS,~~ having an amylose content of less than 20% and a DPn of more than 750 ~~1000~~; and

b) a second starch, ~~NS,~~ having an amylose content of more than 23% and a DPn of less than 300, the second starch being capable of forming a microcrystalline-crosslinked network with the first starch.

Claims 2-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, wherein:

a) the candy contains 0-50% of plasticizer and

b) the candy contains 1-90% of sugar and sugar types, and

c) the candy optionally contains a proportion of 1-50% of a network-capable starch the second starch based on a sum of the first starch and the second starch,

the percentages in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights and on the proportion of starch present.

Claim 7 (canceled):

Claim 8 (currently amended): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, wherein the candy comprises at least one retrogradation-inhibiting material, ~~especially glycogen or a dextran with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.~~

Claims 9-13 (canceled):

Claim 14 (currently amended): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, wherein:

- a) the starch matrix has a network, ~~which is formed by~~ comprising homocrystallites and/or heterocrystallites and
- b) the first starch, ~~VS,~~ has a DPn of more than 1000, and/or
- c) the second starch has a DPn of less than 50.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, wherein:

- a) the candy contains 3-30% of plasticizer,
- b) the candy contains 20-75% of sugar and sugar types, and
- c) the candy contains ~~a proportion of~~ 3-15% of ~~network-capable starch~~ the second starch based on a sum of the first starch and the second starch,  
the proportion in percent in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights ~~and on the proportion of starch present.~~

Claims 16-18 (canceled):

Claim 19 (previously presented): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.3.

Claim 21 (new): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material comprises glycogen or a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

Claim 22 (new): The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, wherein the second starch has a DPn of less than 100.

Claim 23 (new): A candy having a starch matrix comprising:

- a) a first starch comprising a modified starch having a DPn of more than 1000; and
- b) a second starch having an amylose content of more than 23% and a DPn of less than 300, the second starch being capable of forming a microcrystalline-crosslinked network with the first starch.